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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Fred BUCHALI, Henning BULOW  
A PROCESS FOR RECOVERING DIGITAL OPTICAL SIGNALS AND A  
FEEDBACK DECISION CIRCUIT  
Our Ref. Q63522

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 9 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 5 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>8</u>	-	20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>										<b><u>\$710.00</u></b>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 28, 2000 based on German Application No. 10015115.9. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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